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INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all buildings and facilities constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

Docket: **DCAB 2005-08:** Does the NFPA 72 (2002 Edition), specifically Chapter 7, “Notification Appliances for Fire Alarm Systems” provide for equal or greater access in terms of accessibility as required by the current ADAAG Section 4.1.3(14)?

Ruling: For buildings or facilities subject to HRS §103-50,

ADAAG 4.1.3(14) Emergency Warning Systems.

Where emergency warning systems are provided, they shall include both audible alarms and visual alarms complying with the ADAAG (*scoping*) Section 4.28.1 and shall comply with either the ADAAG (*technical*) Section 4.28.2 Audible Alarms and Section 4.28.3 Visual Alarms or NFPA 72 (2002 edition) Chapter 7, “Notification Devices for Fire Alarm Systems”.

[Rul: 04/05] (Auth and Imp: HRS §103-50)

If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call us at 586-8121.

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